

**The Oklahoma State Department of Education Announcement:  
Public Notice and Comment**

June 6, 2013

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is providing this public notice to solicit comments from local educational agencies and the public regarding the specific waiver request to extend the period of availability for FY 2010 School Improvement Grant (SIG) Project 519 funds until September 30, 2014. This waiver will allow the LEAs to have an additional 12 months to expend funds.

The grant award was received by the Oklahoma State Department of Education in the summer of 2010. The award was allocated in Oklahoma's FY2011. The timing of the award allowed 15 months for districts to encumber and claim funds. In 2012 an extension was granted to extend the award 12 months which expires on September 30, 2013. If an extension is granted for these funds it will allow sites to have an additional 12 month period to expend funds with an expiration date of September 30, 2014.

Comments received will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education with the requested waivers. OSDE will accept comments between, Thursday, June 6, 2013 and Thursday, June 13, 2013.

**PURPOSE OF WAIVER:**

Oklahoma seeks this amendment requesting an extended waiver to allow SIG/Priority schools to extend activities in the approved grant applications. Oklahoma believes the additional time is in the public interest and will enable qualifying LEAs to ensure their SIG/Priority schools are able to use remaining FY 2010 SIG funds to support continued implementation of effective reforms.

The purpose of the waiver is to provide Oklahoma and its LEAs sufficient time to support continued school turnaround or transformation efforts. Oklahoma will ensure that SIG schools properly implement school reforms to ultimately improve the academic achievement of students.

**COMMENT SUBMISSIONS:**

Please submit comments in writing to Ms. Gina Scroggins, Executive Director, School Support/School Improvement, Oklahoma State Department of Education, 2500 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or electronically to [Gina.Scroggins@sde.ok.gov](mailto:Gina.Scroggins@sde.ok.gov).